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Amendment

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Offered by:

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"AN ACT CONCERNING VICTIM IMPACT PANELS."

1 After line 96, add the following:

2 "Sec. 4. (NEW) (a) For the purposes of this section, "ignition
3 interlock device" means a device installed in a motor vehicle which
4 measures the blood alcohol content of the operator and disallows the
5 mechanical operation of such motor vehicle unless the blood alcohol
6 content of such operator is less than five-hundredths of one per cent of
7 alcohol, by weight.

8 (b) In addition to any fine or sentence imposed pursuant to the
9 provisions of subsection (h) of section 14-227a of the general statutes,
10 the court may impose a period of probation of not more than two years
11 upon a person convicted of a second or third violation of subsection (a)
12 of section 14-227a of the general statutes requiring as a condition of
13 such probation that such person not operate any motor vehicle unless
14 such motor vehicle is equipped with an ignition interlock device. The
15 court may order such terms and conditions as to duration, use, proof
16 of installation or any other matter concerning the ignition interlock

17 device as it determines to be appropriate.

18 (c) All costs of installing and maintaining an ignition interlock
19 device shall be borne by the person who is the subject of an order
20 made pursuant to this section. If such person claims to be unable to
21 pay such costs, such person shall file with the court an affidavit of
22 indigency or inability to pay. If such indigency or inability to pay is
23 confirmed by the Office of Adult Probation, the court may enter a
24 finding thereof, and the costs to install or maintain an ignition
25 interlock device shall be paid by the state from the budget of the
26 Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services.

27 (d) The Commissioner of Public Health shall adopt regulations, in
28 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, for
29 the approval of ignition interlock devices, and for the proper
30 calibration and maintenance of such devices. No ignition interlock
31 device shall be installed pursuant to an order of the court under this
32 section unless such device has been approved under such regulations.

33 (e) No provision of this section shall be construed to authorize the
34 operation of a motor vehicle by any person whose motor vehicle
35 operator's license has been refused, suspended or revoked, or who
36 does not hold a valid license. A court shall inform the Commissioner of
37 Motor Vehicles of each order made by it pursuant to this subsection. If
38 any person who has been ordered to install an ignition interlock device
39 is the holder of a special permit to operate a motor vehicle for
40 employment purposes, issued by said commissioner under the
41 provisions of section 14-37a of the general statutes, strict compliance
42 with the terms of the order shall be deemed a condition to hold such
43 permit, and any failure to comply with such order shall be sufficient
44 cause for immediate revocation of the permit by the commissioner."